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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER

— AND —

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

— OF THE —

TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON,

FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

ENDING MARCH, 1st, 1876.

NEWMARKET, N. H.:
ROCKINGHAM ADVERTISER STEAM PRINTING ESTABLISHMENT
1876.

SELECTMENS' REPORT.

State, County, Town and School tax assessed,	$3359 47
Non-resident highway tax,	52 37
Dog tax,	43 00
Committed to the Collector,	3454 84

Rate money tax, $1\frac{3}{10}$ per cent.
Highway tax, one-tenth of one per cent.

MONEY RECEIVED.

Received of State Treasurer, Savings Bank tax,	13 35
" " Railroad tax,	193 38
" " Literary fund,	58 91
Received for use of town hall,	7 00
" Tuition,	3 42
" old hearse house and runners,	26 62
Amount paid town Treasurer,	302 68

MONEY EXPENDED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Paid Cora M. Follett, teaching north school $34\frac{3}{5}$ weeks,	240 83
B. K. Webster, $2\frac{1}{2}$ cords of wood and fitting same,	13 00
Susie M. Clifford, teaching pound school ten weeks,	90 00

Ann E. Watson, teaching pound school 16$\frac{3}{5}$ weeks,	149 81
Ithamar Eaton, for one cord of wood, fitting same,	4 52
John H. Buswell, for 1 cord of wood,	4 75
B. C. Noyes, fitting 1 cord of wood,	75
Sylvia W. Ladd, teaching corner school 23 weeks,	172 50
J. A. Blodgett, teaching corner school,	35 25
W. H. Nelson, 4 feet of wood,	2 50
E. C. Greeley, 12 "	5 50
J. P. French, 4 "	3 50
Wm. H. Nelson, fitting wood,	1 87
Sarah E. Lane, teaching Falls school 25$\frac{1}{5}$ weeks,	191 65
Ithamar Eaton, 4 feet of wood,	2 50
E. F. Currier, 10 " pine wood,	3 25
G. S. Rowell, 1 cord of wood,	5 00
" fitting 22 feet of wood,	2 00
Corner school money unexpended, 1875, 90 cents,	929 18

SUPPORT OF POOR.

Paid Wm. S. Titcomb, keeping 6 transient paupers,	4 50
B. K. Webster, " 2 "	1 50
Ithamar Eaton, 1 cord of hemlock wood, delivered to Mrs. Harriman,	4 00
George S. Tappan, for nursing Peter Sharp,	1 00
Wm. H. Nelson, assistance to "	90
Town of South Hampton, for burial of P. J. Ring,	31 00
	12 90

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid B. K. Webster, 8 rails for bridges,	3 00
" 4 hours labor on bridge,	60
Wm. H. Nelson, drawing plank and labor on bridges,	1 50
Wm. H. Nelson, 20 hours labor on Tappan road,	3 00
Brown, Heath &Sanborn, 816 ft bridge plank,	10 60
D. H. Kimball, posts, rail and railing bridge,	2 50
Geo. W. Woodman, 67 hours labor on old road,	10 05
" 155 feet of bridge timber,	1 55
" 16 hours, breaking road,	2 40
D. H. Kimball, breaking out Tappan road, 15 hours,	3 00
Wm S. Titcomb, District No. 2, snow bill for the winter 1875,	7 80
Wm. Giles, snow bill, Dis. No. 3, for 1875,	21 40
D. H. Kimball, snow bill, Dis. No. 7, 1875,	28 40
Wm Woodman, snow bill, Dis. No. 6,	11 70
John H. Buswell, " " 5,	19 20
B. K. Webster, " " 4,	42 02
S. & J. H. Sanborn, 80 feet of bridge timber,	1 00
E. W. Philbrick, snow bill, Dis. No. 1,	10 60
	180 32

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid State tax,	776 00
County tax,	722 47
G. E. Lane, as per bill,	1 70
E. A. Goodrich, 3 brooms and 2 dippers,	2 00
Tax on Parsonage, Kingston,	3 62
B. K. Webster, 1 day's labor on north S. House,	1 50
" mortar for same,	1 00
E. W. Philbrick, building hearse house,	175 00

Paid S. F. Carter, cleaning north school house,	3 00
W. W. Stickney, advice in pauper case,	1 00
E. C. Eastman, books, paper &c.,	4 20
Dana Webster, for stove at north school house,	15 00
" dipper, "	25
J. L. Philbrick, repairing pound school house,	2 25
E. A. Tilton, 1 broom and ink,	46
W. H. Nelson, 1 day's labor on C. S. house,	2 00
Geo. H. Hoyt & Son, lumber as per bill for pound school house,	28 04
J. F. Wiggin, advice on P. J. Ring case,	2 00
" " assessment and col. of taxes,	2 00
E. P. Styles, printing town reports for 1874–5,	17 00
L. A. Towle, cleaning corner school house,	2 50
H. H. Titcomb, for 1 pail,	30
N. E. Tuck, repairing and setting glass in corner school house,	1 00
G. D. Smith, 6½ days' labor on pound school house,	18 00
" 3 lbs. nails,	15
J. W. Follett, white washing and plastering 3 school houses,	9 50
J. W. Follett, labor on town hall,	2 00
J. M. Tappan, furnishing guide boards & posts,	2 50
F. P. Merrill, as per bill,	8 78
Dana Webster, 7 lights of glass, setting same and panel for door,	1 25
Wm. S. Titcomb, chalk for schools,	50
Ithamar Eaton, self and oxen drawing stone for hearse house,	1 50
W. S. Titcomb, ½ day drawing stone,	75
C. E. Marsh, blacksmith work as per bill,	1 25
R. W. & J. B. Carter, underpinning hearse hearse,	4 50
C. F. Harriman, painting black boards,	75

Paid F. J. Philbrick, 3½ days labor on pound school house,	10 00
W. S. Titcomb, cash paid printing tax bills,	1 60
" 3 days labor on pound school house.	4 50
E. W. Philbrick, for saw dust and wood for annual meeting, 1875,	1 00
E. W. Philbrick, bolt for town hall,	50
" 2 days fencing on burying ground,	5 00
" 50 lbs. spikes and nails,	2 25
" cash paid for curtain and cord for town hall,	6 00
" making & putting up curtains,	1 00
" 1½ day painting and coloring town hall,	3 75
" cash paid for cleansing town hall and soap,	3 95
" drawing stone and fitting up around hearse house,	1 50
" cash paid Harriman & Noyes, for painting town hall,	5 00
" patching town hall with mortar and shingle,	2 00
" 27 clapboards for P. S. house,	75
W. S. Titcomb, collector for Non resident tax and cost on land, sold for taxes in 1875,	22 42
" col. for cost for advertising land through error of taxation,	1 32
" collector for Non resident tax and cost on land sold for taxes in the year 1876,	121 74
B. K. Webster, for posting up 2 years inventories,	1 00
" journey to Newton for school teacher,	75

B. K. Webster, 2 days on road case	3 00
" copying pauper expenses,	1 00
" 1 day at Concord, and car fare to settle claims against the State,	5 40
" 1 day adding up 4 inventories for Com. on taxation,	1 50
" 2 journeys to Exeter,	1 50
" paid postage,	24
W. S. Titcomb, journey to Exeter, on Mrs. Marsh case,	1 60
" time spent, self and horse in Kennard road case,	6 00
" time spent in case of Mrs. Marsh,	1 00
" journey to examine records,	50
" 4 " Exeter on town business,	3 00
" footing up 2 years inventories for State Treasurer,	1 00
" adding up inventories for Com. on taxation,	1 50
" paid postage,	30
J. F. Wiggin, for advice in case of Mrs. Marsh,	2 00
W. H. Nelson, 1 day with Com. on road case,	1 50
B. K. Webster, interest on money hired,	11 83
	2054 02

SERVICES OF TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Selectmen, 1 day appointing town officers,	4 50
4 days taking inventory,	18 00
1 day returning births, deaths, enrolling soldiers,	4 50
making and recording taxes, collector's and surveyor's books,	15 00

Paid Selectmen making statistical Agriculture report,	2 00
4 days taking inventory in Sept.	18 00
recording same,	3 00
attending 3 jury meetings,	2 25
selling old hearse house, hearse and runners,	1 00
1 day dividing school money and regulating jury box,	1 50
1 day drawing orders for damage done to sheep by dogs,	4 50
1 day writing warants and check list for annual town meeting,	
Settling and recording bills,	15 00
making up report,	1 50
1 day with the Auditors,	4 50
regulating check list,	2 25
J. R. Webster, town clerk as per bill,	17 47
Emma Webster, services as school committee,	12 00
" for extra returns to Concord and for the centennial and printing school notices,	3 00
E. W. Philbrick, sexton at 15 funerals,	45 00
" and W. S. Titcomb, auditors for 1874–5,	6 00
B. K. Webster, services as Treasurer,	6 00
W. S. Titcomb, " Collector,	40 00
	234 47

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

John Eli, poll tax for 1875.	1 30
George Gerain, dog and poll tax for 1875,	2 30
David Joel, " "	2 30
David Joel, jr., poll tax,	1 30
Noah Marsh, poll tax, deceased,	1 30
Moses B. Sweet, "	1 30
James M. Sanborn, "	1 30
Elbridge G. Webster, "	1 30
Charles M. Harriman,	1 69
Moses Page,	1 30
Joseph Sheridan, deceased,	1 30
G. W. Edney, dog died,	1 00
N. B. Tilton, on horse died,	98
G. W. Fitts, error on tax,	84
Rufus F. Dow, overtax on land,	35
George F. Rowell, horse died,	32
Charles H. Sleeper, poll tax, died in Haverhill,	1 30
F. T. French, on horse died,	1 63
	23 11

Abated taxes assessed in the year 1874 against sundry persons amounting to 21 40.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM S. TITCOMB,
BENJAMIN K. WEBSTER,
WILLIAM H. NELSON,
} Selectmen of East Kingston.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Benjamin K. Webster, treasurer, in account with the town of East Kingston for the year ending March 1, 1876.

March 1, 1875, Dr. to balance on hand,	789 38
School bonds,	2000 00
Interest on school bonds,	120 00
Received of selectmen,	302 68
W. S. Titcomb, collector, 1874,	236 30
" " 1875,	3000 00
from notes,	1275 00
	$7723 36

CR.—By the following payments by order of the selectmen:

Public Schools,	$929 18
Support of poor,	42 90
Roads and bridges,	180 32
Miscellaneous,	2054 02
Services of town officers,	234 47
Sundry persons on notes and interest,	1825 19
Abatements of taxes,	23 11
Non-resident highway tax, paid in labor, 1874,	39 38
Sundry persons for damages done by dogs "	42 00
School bonds on hand,	2000 00
Cash on hand,	352 79
	7723 36

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Outstanding notes against the town, March 1. '76,	11582 00
Literary Fund money.	601 52
	$12183 52
CR.—due from general Government,	761 92
due from N. B. Tilton, collector, 1872,	9 78
W. S. Titcomb, " 1874,	61 33
" " 1875,	392 35
Funds invested in non-resident land, sold for taxes, of 1874–5,	144 16

DOG TAX FUND.

Balance in treasury, 1875,	2 00
Rec'd by tax for 1875,	40 00
Orders drawn on the fund to	
Clark P. Smith,	6 00
Levi B. Tilton,	9 00
B. K. Webster,	7 00
George S. Giles,	1 00
Alfred Davis,	6 00
George B. Webster,	11 00
Laroy S. Sanborn.	16 00
	56 00

BENJAMIN K. WEBSTER, Treasurer.

We the subscribers have this day examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending March 1st 1876, and find them well vouched, correctly cast and a balance in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of three hundred and fifty-two dollars and seventy-nine cents.

East Kingston, March 1st, 1876.

GEO. B. WEBSTER, }
E. W. PHILBRICK, } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

SCHOOL MONEY, 1875

Raised by tax.	$679 00
Interest J. Morrill School Fund,	120 00
Literary Fund,	58 91
Interest on Literary Fund	36 09
Rail Road & Savings Bank Tax.	32 66
Tuition.	3 42
	$930 08
School Money Unexpended—Corner School	$0 90

NORTH SCHOOL.

This school was particularly fortunate in the selection of Miss Cora M. Follette of Newton, an experienced teacher, who proved herself fully competent to direct the school, and secure the confidence and affection of her pupils. We have heard no unpleasant allusions, in regard to the school, but the teacher apparently gained the respect of the parents, who co-operated in her work, thus producing gratifying results. Evidence was manifest that the best work was being done, at all times, in a quiet unostentatious manner under the teachers guidance.

Hallie B. Shufelt was not absent, tardy or dismissed for the first 16 weeks, nor Walter J. Webster for the last 28 weeks. Sarah J. Webster and Charlie K. Webster were perfect in attendance throughout the year.

CORNER SCHOOL.

During the Summer and fall, the school was under the instruction of Miss Sylvia Ladd, of Epping. When visited, the school appeared well, and the closing reviews evinced the teacher's desire to have her pupils thorough, in the branches pursued. The scholars scarcely did themselves, or their teacher credit, in their reading, as their voices, in many cases, were so low, as hardly to be distinguishable.

Alvin C. Noyes is registered, as not being absent for 21 weeks.

A winter term was commenced under auspicious circumstances by Mr. J. A. Blodgett of Kensington, but was of only sufficient duration to prove that much might have been accomplished under his direction, had not the school money failed. It was regretted by parents, and others, that the term was so brief, for a favorable impression had been formed.

POUND SCHOOL.

Of the character of this school, under the control of Miss A. E. Watson, the highly successful teacher of the past year, little need be said. The school speaks for itself. With the different natures, and so numerous as they are, for a teacher to work with here, it requires a person of tact and rare adaptability, and a disinterested love for children and youth, to move along progressively and at the same time pleasantly. Upon entering the school, a person was at once impressed with the idea that all were willing workers, taken captive by the teacher's gentle persuasiveness.

Her health failing, she was obliged to give up teaching for a short time, and Miss Susie M. Clifford of Danville, was employed to fill the vacancy. She has had much successful experience, but was placed in a peculiarly trying position in this school, as many of the pupils seemed to think no one was adapted to their wants but their former teacher. There were also some outside the school whose influence tended to evil. Under the circumstances, we think Miss Clifford did the best that could have been done. When visited, the order was good and all seemed to be progressing.

Having regained her health, Miss Watson took charge of the winter school. The closing exercises, consisting of recitations, dialogues, and reviews, interspersed with music were highly commendable. Although stormy, 29 visitors

were present, showing the high appreciation with which she was regarded.

The following scholars were not absent: first term, Freddie J. Buswell, George M. Davis, George A. Philbrick, Mabel A. Perkins; second term, Annie M. Morse; for two terms, Carrie L. M. Rowell; for the third term, Abbie Ramsell; and for the last two terms, Frank N. Philbrick, and Oscar L. Philbrick. Etta E. Bachelder was not absent through the year.

FALLS SCHOOL.

Miss S. E. Lane of Exeter, teacher for the year. Her former reputation in this school was a sufficient guarantee for success. It apparently required no exertion, to preserve order, so she could devote her whole energies to imparting instruction, for which she seems especially fitted. All remarks in last years report, are equally applicable for the present. It has always been a pleasure to spend an hour or two in this school, the recitations always being characterized by confidence and promptness. A teacher alone cannot make a school perfect. Much praise is due the pupils for their exemplary conduct, and their endeavors to make the school the best one in town.

The exercises at the final examination, including declamation, dialogues, and music, reflected credit on both, teacher and pupils.

Ruth A. Currier and Genie H. Edney were not absent, tardy or dismissed through the year. and Jesse S. Rowell only one day.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Whatever may be the grade of a school, whether its exercises shall be dull, monotonous and apparently mechanical, or quick, keen, and awakening to the intellect, thereby expanding it more effectually, depends more on the teacher than many imagine.

It has been truthfully remarked, that a school in successive terms, under the same teacher, acquires that teachers ways, and why should it not be so? Do not our common schools bring the children at the most impressible age, under the influence of the teacher, and will not their thoughts and springs of action be directed into channels which may influence their whole future? If we consider these points, we all see the immense advantage, both morally and mentally in retaining those teachers, term after term, whose influence is such as parents like to have exerted over their children. There is hardly a child but can be made interested in some department of school work, if the teacher has the happy faculty of discerning the points in character that should be influenced.

Our schools frequently suffer from disturbance outside. Perhaps all do not know how stringent the law is on this point. It reads,

Sect. 1. Any parent, guardian, or other person, not a member of this school, who shall wilfully interrupt or disturb any school, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in the county jail, not exceeding thirty days. Approved July, 1, 1874.

Sargent's Readers having been in the schools since 1866, and having become so familiar to the pupils, it was thought to be for their interest, to make a change, consequently, Munroe's were introduced, with most gratifying results.

Whole number of scholars in town, as reported by selectmen, April 1, 1875, 159; Boys, 84, Girls, 75.

Number not attending school, as nearly as can be ascertained, between the age five and fifteen, 13; Girls, 8, Boys, 5.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

EMMA WEBSTER.
Superintending School Committee.

East Kingston, N. H., March, 1876.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NAMES OF TEACHERS.		Amount of money.	Length of school, wteks,	Wages per week, including board.	Number scholars,	Average attendance,	No. times tardy,	No. dismissals,	Pr. ct. of absence.	Visits by S. S. Com.	Visits by citizens & als.
Cora M. Follett,	North, -	$253 83	$34\frac{3}{5}$	$7 00	18	13			28	4	11
Sylvia Ladd,	Corner, -	$222 02	23	7 50	27	22	65	1	18	3	15
John A. Blodgett,	Corner, -		$4\frac{4}{5}$	7 50	29	23	79	4	21	1	15
Ann E. Watson,	Pound, -	$249 83	$16\frac{4}{5}$	9 00	56	46	94		18	3	37
Susie M. Clifford,	Pound, -		10	9 00 7 50	54	48	31	11	11	1	6
Sarah E. Lane,	Falls, -	$204 40	25	8 00	19	15	16	1	21	3	15